The October 2026 AP-NORC Center Poll
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Interviews: 10/8-12/2026
1,119 adults

Margin of sampling error: +/- 3.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

Republican, including leaners: N=400; margin of sampling error = +/- 6.4 percentage points
Independent, other, no answer: N=206; margin of sampling error = +/- 9.0 percentage points
Democrat, including leaners: N=513; margin of sampling error = +/- 5.8 percentage points

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

CUR2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

CUR3. *If don't know, skipped, or refused in CUR2*
If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

CUR3A. *If approve in CUR2*
Would you say you approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president strongly or do you approve just somewhat?

CUR3B. *If disapprove in CUR2*
Would you say you disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC	**Approve NET**	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv-ing	**Not lean either way**	**Dis-approve NET**	Lean toward disapp-roving	Some-what dis-approve	Strongly dis-approve	DK	SKP /REF
10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	**35**	14	21	*	*****	**64**	*	13	51	-	1
09/24-28/2026 *(N=2,140)*	**31**	15	15	*	*****	**69**	*	18	51	*	1
07/23-27/2026 *(N=1,165)*	**33**	16	17	*	**1**	**66**	21	18	47	-	*
06/11-17/2026 *(N=3,040)*	**37**	19	18	*	*****	**62**	*	13	48	*	1
05/14-18/2026 *(N=1,117)*	**37**	18	19	*	*****	**62**	*	14	49	-	*
04/16-20/2026 *(N=2,596)*	**33**	17	16	*	*****	**67**	*	17	49	*	*
03/19-23/2026 *(N=1,150)*	**38**	18	20	*	**1**	**60**	*	12	48	-	*
02/05-08/2026 *(N=1,156)*	**36**	18	18	*	**1**	**62**	1	16	46	-	1
01/08-11/2026 *(N=1,203)*	**40**	20	20	*	**1**	**59**	*	12	47	-	*
12/4-8/2025 (*N=1,146*)	**36**	18	18	*	**1**	**61**	*	15	47	-	1
11/6-10/2025 (*N=1,143*)	**36**	18	17	*	**1**	**62**	-	13	49	-	1
10/09-13/2025 *(N=1,289)*	**37**	19	18	1	**1**	**61**	*	17	43	-	1
09/11-15/2025 *(N=1,183)*	**39**	21	18	*	**1**	**60**	*	18	42	-	1

AP-NORC	**Approve NET**	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv-ing	**Not lean either way**	**Dis-approve NET**	Lean toward disapp-roving	Some-what dis-approve	Strongly dis-approve	DK	SKP /REF
08/21-25/2025 *(N=1,182)*	**45**	25	19	*	**2**	**53**	*	13	40	-	*
07/10-14/2025 *(N=1,437)*	**40**	21	18	1	**1**	**58**	*	15	43	-	1
06/05-09/2025 *(N=1,158)*	**39**	20	19	*	**1**	**60**	*	18	41	-	*
05/01-05/2025 *(N=1,175*)	**41**	24	17	*	**1**	**57**	1	13	43	*	1
04/17-21/2025 *(N=1,260*)	**39**	22	16	*	**1**	**59**	1	16	43	-	1
03/20-24/2025 *(N=1,229)*	**42**	22	20	*	**1**	**56**	1	15	40	-	1
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	**40**	24	16	-	*****	**58**	*	12	46	-	1
10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	**39**	22	17	*	*****	**61**	*	15	46	*	*
09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	**43**	25	17	*	**1**	**56**	*	11	44	-	*
08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	**35**	18	16	*	*****	**65**	1	19	46	*	*
07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	**38**	24	14	*	**1**	**61**	*	11	50	-	*
06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	**39**	21	17	*	**1**	**60**	*	10	49	-	1
05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	**41**	22	19	*	*****	**58**	*	14	44	-	1
04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	**42**	22	20	-	**-**	**57**	*	16	41	-	1
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	**43**	26	17	-	*****	**56**	*	16	39	-	*
02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	**43**	24	19	*	**1**	**56**	*	16	40	-	1
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	**41**	24	17	1	*****	**58**	*	14	44	-	*
12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	**40**	23	17	*	**-**	**60**	*	15	45	-	*
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	**42**	25	17	*	**1**	**56**	*	14	42	-	1
09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	**40**	24	16	*	**1**	**59**	*	16	42	-	1
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,060)	**36**	21	15	*	*****	**62**	-	16	46	*	2

AP-NORC	**Approve NET**	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv-ing	**Not lean either way**	**Dis-approve NET**	Lean toward disapp-roving	Some-what dis-approve	Strongly dis-approve	DK	SKP /REF
6/13-17/2019 *(N=1,116)*	**38**	19	19	*	*****	**60**	*	17	43	-	1
5/17-20/2019 *(N=1,137)*	**38**	19	18	*	**1**	**61**	1	13	47	*	1
4/11-14/2019 *(N=1,108)*	**39**	19	20	*	**1**	**60**	*	13	46	-	*
3/14-18/2019 *(N=1,063)*	**40**	22	18	*	*****	**58**	1	15	42	-	1
1/16-20/2019 *(N=1,062)*	**34**	18	16	*	*****	**65**	1	11	53	*	*
12/13-16/2018 *(N=1,067)*	**42**	21	21	*	**1**	**56**	*	14	42	-	1
10/11-14/2018 *(N=1,152)*	**40**	21	19	*	**1**	**59**	*	14	45	-	1
8/16-20/2018 *(N=1,055)*	**38**	18	20	-	**1**	**60**	1	17	43	-	1
6/13-18/2018 *(N=1,109)*	**41**	21	20	*	**1**	**57**	*	16	42	*	*
4/11-16/2018 *(N=1,140)*	**40**	19	20	*	**1**	**59**	*	15	44	-	1
3/14-19/2018 *(N=1,122)*	**42**	20	21	*	**1**	**58**	*	14	44	-	*
2/15-19/2018 *(N=1,337)*	**35**	19	17	-	**1**	**64**	*	17	46	*	*
12/7-11/2017 *(N=1,020)*	**32**	15	17	*	*****	**67**	*	16	51	-	*
9/28-10/2/2017 *(N=1,150)*	**32**	20	12	*	*****	**67**	*	17	50	*	*
6/8-11/2017 *(N=1,068)*	**35**	16	18	*	**1**	**64**	*	17	47	*	1
3/23-27/2017 *(N=1,110)*	**42**	20	22	*	*****	**58**	*	14	43	-	1
6/8-11/2017 *(N=1,068)*	**35**	16	18	*	**1**	**64**	*	17	47	*	1
3/23-27/2017 *(N=1,110)*	**42**	20	22	*	*****	**58**	*	14	43	-	1

CURY2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling…?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
The economy	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	25	74	*	*
	09/24-28/2026 *(N=2,140)*	26	73	-	1
	07/23-27/2026 *(N=1,165)*	32	66	*	2
	06/11-17/2026 *(N=3,040)*	33	66	*	*
	05/14-18/2026 *(N=1,117)*	33	67	-	1
	04/16-20/2026 *(N=2,596)*	30	70	*	1
	03/19-23/2026 *(N=1,150)*	38	61	*	1
	02/05-08/2026 *(N=1,156)*	39	59	1	1
	01/08-11/2026 *(N=1,203)*	37	62	*	1
	12/4-8/2025 *(N=1,146)*	31	67	*	2
	11/6-10/2025 *(N=1,143)*	33	67	*	*
	10/09-13/2025 *(N=1,289)*	36	62	1	2
	09/11-15/2025 *(N=1,183)*	37	62	*	1
	08/21-25/2025 *(N=1,182)*	43	54	*	2
	07/10-14/2025 *(N=1,437)*	38	60	*	1
	06/05-09/2025 *(N=1,158)*	38	60	*	1
	05/01-05/2025 *(N=1,175*)	36	63	*	1
	04/17-21/2025 *(N=1,260*)	37	61	*	1
	03/20-24/2025 *(N=1,229)*	40	58	1	1
	10/08-12/2020 *(N=1,121)*	49	51	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 *(N = 1,108)*	50	49	*	1
	08/17-19/2020 *(N=1,075)*	47	52	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 *(N=1,057)*	48	51	*	*
	06/11-15/2020 *(N=1,310)*	49	50	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 *(N=1,056)*	49	50	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 *(N=1,057)*	52	47	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 *(N=1,057)*	56	43	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 *(N=1,353)*	56	43	1	1
	10/24-28/2019 *(N=1,075)*	54	44	*	*
	09/20-23/2019 *(N=1,286)*	51	47	1	1
	08/15-18/2019 *(N=1,060)*	46	51	1	2
	06/13-17/2019 *(N=1,116)*	47	51	1	1
	01/16-20/2019 *(N=1,062)*	44	55	-	1
	10/11-14/2018 *(N=1,152)*	50	49	*	1
	08/16-20/2018 *(N=1,055)*	51	49	*	-
	03/14-19/2018 *(N=1,122)*	47	52	*	*
	02/15-19/2018 *(N=1,337)*	45	53	-	*
	12/07-11/2017 *(N=1,020)*	40	59	*	-
	10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054)	41	57	*	*
	09/28-10/2/2017 *(N=1,150)*	42	56	*	*
	06/08-11/2017 *(N=1,068)*	43	55	*	*

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
Crime	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	44	55	-	1
	12/4-8/2025 (*N=1,146)*	43	55	*	1
	09/11-15/2025 *(N=1,183)*	46	53	*	1
	08/21-25/2025 *(N=1,182)*	53	45	*	2
The cost of living	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	19	80	-	1
	09/24-28/2026 *(N=2,140)*	17	82	*	1
	04/16-20/2026 *(N=2,596)*	23	76	-	1
Foreign policy	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	33	66	*	1
	05/14-18/2026 *(N=1,117)*	36	62	*	1
	03/19-23/2026 *(N=1,150)*	34	64	*	1
	02/05-08/2026 *(N=1,156)*	36	61	1	2
	01/08-11/2026 *(N=1,203)*	37	61	1	2
	12/4-8/2025 (*N=1,146)*	37	60	1	2
	09/11-15/2025 *(N=1,183)*	39	59	*	2
	04/17-21/2025 *(N=1,260*)	38	60	1	1
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	45	54	-	1
	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	36	62	1	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	43	55	1	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	39	60	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	41	57	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	39	59	*	1
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	38	59	*	2
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	39	58	2	1
	08/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	36	61	1	1
	01/16-20/2019 *(N=1,062)*	35	63	1	2
	10/11-14/2018 *(N=1,152)*	39	59	*	1
	08/16-20/2018 *(N=1,055)*	36	62	*	*
	02/15-19/2018 *(N=1,337)*	34	64	*	*
	12/07-11/2017 *(N=1,020)*	30	68	*	-
	09/28-10/2/2017 *(N=1,150)*	34	64	*	*
	06/08-11/2017 *(N=1,068)*	34	63	*	*
	03/23-27/2017 *(N=1,110)*	40	57	*	*

FAV. For each of the following, please indicate if you have an unfavorable or favorable impression. If you don't know enough to have an opinion, you can say that too.

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		**Very/ somewhat unfavorable NET**	Very unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	**Very/ somewhat favorable NET**	Some-what favorable	Very favorable	Don't know enough to say	SKP / REF
Donald Trump	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	**62**	50	12	**35**	18	17	2	1
	04/16-20/2026 *(N=2,596)*	**61**	49	13	**33**	16	17	5	*
	02/05-08/2026 *(N=1,156)*	**61**	50	11	**34**	15	19	4	1
	10/09-13/2025 *(N=1,289)*	**56**	44	11	**39**	18	21	5	*
	09/11-15/2025 *(N=1,183)*	**54**	44	10	**41**	19	22	5	1
	06/05-09/2025 *(N=1,158)*	**54**	41	13	**43**	20	23	3	*
	04/17-21/2025 *(N=1,260*)	**57**	44	12	**39**	15	25	4	*
	03/20-24/2025 *(N=1,229)*	**54**	40	14	**42**	19	23	3	1
	01/09-13/2025 *(N=1,147)*	**55**	44	11	**41**	16	26	3	*
	12/5-9/2024 *(N=1,251)*	**54**	44	10	**43**	15	27	3	*
	10/11-14/2024 *(N-1,072)*	**57**	46	10	**40**	17	23	`````	1
	09/12-16/2024 *(N=2,028)*	**58**	47	11	**38**	18	20	3	*
	8/08-12/2024 *(N=1,164)*	**56**	46	10	**41**	16	25	2	1
	07/25-29/2024 *(N=1,164)*	**57**	47	10	**41**	17	24	2	*
	07/11-15/2024 *(N=1,253)*	**59**	49	11	**37**	16	21	3	1
	06/20-24/2024 *(N=1,088)*	**59**	46	12	**38**	20	18	3	1
	6/7-10/2024 *(N=1,115)*	**56**	47	9	**40**	16	25	3	1
	02/22-26/2024 *(N=1,102)*	**58**	46	12	**38**	16	22	4	*

AP-NORC		**Very/ somewhat unfavorable NET**	Very unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	**Very/ somewhat favorable NET**	Some-what favorable	Very favorable	Don't know enough to say	SKP / REF
Donald Trump cont.	01/25-29/2024 *(N=1,152)*	**61**	50	12	**36**	18	18	2	*
	11/30-12/4/2023 *(N=1,074)*	**60**	50	11	**36**	14	22	2	2
	10/5-9/2023 *(N=1,163)*	**58**	47	10	**37**	18	20	5	1
	08/10-14/2023 *(N=1,165)*	**62**	51	11	**35**	16	C	3	*
	06/22-26/2023 *(N=1,220)*	**63**	50	13	**33**	19	14	4	*
	04/13-17/2023 *(N=1,230)*	**63**	52	11	**34**	17	17	3	1
	01/26-30/2023 *(N=1,068)*	**62**	50	13	**35**	21	14	2	*
	10/06-10/2022 *(N=1,121)*	**61**	49	12	**35**	17	18	4	*
	1/13-18/2022 *(N=1,161)*	**63**	51	12	**34**	18	16	3	-
	7/15-19/2021 *(N=1,308)*	**60**	50	10	**37**	17	20	2	1
	1/28-2/1/2021 *(N=1,055)*	**61**	48	12	**36**	18	19	3	*
	02/13-16/2020 *(N=1,074)*	**53**	42	11	**43**	17	26	4	*
	10/24-28/2019 *(N=1,075)*	**55**	46	9	**40**	12	28	3	1
JD Vance	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	**52**	40	12	**32**	15	17	16	*
	04/16-20/2026 *(N=2,596)*	**53**	40	13	**31**	14	17	16	*
	02/05-08/2026 *(N=1,156)*	**49**	37	12	**32**	15	17	18	1
	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	**48**	35	12	**34**	15	19	18	*
	09/11-15/2025 *(N=1,183)*	**46**	32	14	**32**	14	18	21	1
	04/17-21/2025 *(N=1,260*)	**46**	36	11	**33**	13	20	20	*
	01/09-13/2025 *(N=1,147)*	**47**	37	10	**32**	13	19	21	*
	12/5-9/2024 *(N=1,251)*	**48**	36	12	**32**	14	19	19	1

AP-NORC		**Very/ somewhat unfavorable NET**	Very unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	**Very/ somewhat favorable NET**	Some-what favorable	Very favorable	Don't know enough to say	SKP / REF
JD Vance cont.	10/11-14/2024 *(N=1,072)*	**48**	37	11	**32**	14	18	19	1
	09/12-16/2024 *(N=2,028)*	**49**	38	10	**26**	15	11	24	1
	8/08-12/2024 *(N=1,164)*	**44**	33	11	**27**	15	13	28	1
	7/25-29/2024 *(N=1,164)*	**40**	29	11	**27**	14	13	32	1
	07/11-15/2024 *(N=1,253)*	**22**	14	8	**17**	10	7	60	1
The Democratic Party	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	**50**	30	20	**40**	31	9	9	1
	04/16-20/2026 *(N=2,596)*	**55**	31	24	**35**	26	9	9	*
	02/05-08/2026 *(N=1,156)*	**54**	30	24	**35**	27	8	10	1
	10/09-13/2025 *(N=1,289)*	**58**	35	23	**32**	24	8	9	*
	09/11-15/2025 *(N=1,183)*	**53**	27	26	**34**	26	8	12	1
	05/01-05/2025 *(N=1,175)*	**55**	32	23	**36**	27	9	8	*
	09/12-16/2024 *(N=2,028)*	**44**	28	16	**48**	29	20	7	*
	10/06-10/2022 *(N=1,121)*	**49**	30	20	**42**	29	13	8	1
The Republican Party	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	**55**	38	17	**37**	23	14	7	*
	04/16-20/2026 *(N=2,596)*	**56**	36	20	**34**	22	12	9	*
	02/05-08/2026 *(N=1,156)*	**54**	35	18	**36**	21	15	10	1
	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	**51**	35	16	**40**	25	15	8	1
	09/11-15/2025 *(N=1,183)*	**51**	32	19	**38**	23	15	11	1
	05/01-05/2025 *(N=1,175)*	**52**	33	18	**41**	26	15	7	*
	09/12-16/2024 *(N=2,028)*	**53**	35	19	**39**	25	14	7	1
	10/06-10/2022 *(N=1,121)*	**59**	34	25	**32**	24	9	9	1

ISSUES. Thinking about voting in the upcoming election, how important are each of the following issues?[1]

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC		One of the most important issues	An important issue, but not one of the most important	Not an important issue	DK	SKP /REF
The economy	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	83	15	2	-	*
	9/12-16/2024 (N=2,028)	79	19	1	-	*
Immigration	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	44	42	14	-	1
	9/12-16/2024 (N=2,028)	49	41	9	*	1
The war with Iran	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	62	31	7	*	*
Crime	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	44	48	7	-	1
	9/12-16/2024 (N=2,028)	51	42	6	-	*
The cost of living	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	83	14	1	-	1
Artificial intelligence	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	35	50	13	*	1
Health care	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	66	30	4	-	*
	9/12-16/2024 (N=2,028)	56	39	4	*	*
Transgender issues	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	11	38	51	*	1

MT1. Thinking about the outcome of this November's midterm elections, would you prefer to see the Democratic Party or the Republican Party control:

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC		The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Undecided	DK	SKIP/ REF
The U.S. House of Representatives	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	43	34	22	-	1
	10/06- 10/2022 (N=1,121)	41	34	24	*	*
The U.S. Senate	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	41	36	22	-	1
	10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	41	34	24	*	*

[1] In September 2024, the question was asked ahead of the presidential election.

MT2. How important is voting in this November's midterm elections?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026	AP-NORC 10/06-10/2022
Extremely/Very important NET	**79**	**77**
Extremely important	57	52
Very important	21	24
Somewhat important	**13**	**16**
Not too important/ Not important at all NET	**7**	**6**
Not too important [2]	4	4
Not important at all	3	3
DON'T KNOW	-	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1
N=	*1,119*	*1,121*

VOTE6. How much confidence do you have that the votes in the 2026 midterm elections will be counted accurately?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026	AP-NORC 11/30-12/4/2023 [3]	AP-NORC 6/22-26/2023[3]	AP-NORC 10/06-10/2022[4]	AP-NORC 2/18-21/2022[4]	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020[5]	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020[5]	UChicago Harris 9/13-16/2018[6]	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016[7]
A great deal/ Quite a bit NET	**39**	**46**	**44**	**47**	**45**	**39**	**34**	**40**	**39**
A great deal	20	26	22	25	22	16	10	16	16
Quite a bit	19	20	22	22	23	23	24	24	23
A moderate amount	**34**	**23**	**28**	**24**	**30**	**29**	**33**	**37**	**29**
Only a little/None at all NET	**26**	**31**	**27**	**28**	**25**	**31**	**33**	**22**	**31**
Only a little	15	16	15	17	16	19	22	15	18
None at all	11	15	12	11	9	12	10	8	13
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	1
SKIP /REF	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
N=	*1,119*	*1,074*	*1,220*	*1,121*	*1,289*	*1,121*	*1,074*	*1,059*	*1,022*

[2] Response option was not very important in 2022
[3] Asked about the 2024 presidential election
[4] Asked about the 2022 midterms
[5] Asked about the 2020 presidential election
[6] Asked about the 2018 midterms
[7] Asked about the 2016 presidential election

ELECT5. Which comes closest to your feelings about each of the following?

[GRID ITEM A NOT RANDOMIZED, GRID ITEMS B-D RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC		**Very/ somewhat optimistic NET**	Very opti-mistic	Some-what optimistic	**Neither optimistic nor pessimistic**	**Very/ somewhat pessimistic NET**	Some-what pessimistic	Very pessi-mistic	DK	SKP / REF
The state of politics in this country	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	**12**	3	9	**25**	**62**	25	37	-	1
	05/01-05/2025 *(N=1,175)*	**16**	4	11	**24**	**59**	29	31	*	1
	07/25-29/2024 *(N=1,143)*	**16**	3	13	**18**	**66**	34	32	*	-
	11/30-12/4/2023 *(N=1,074)*	**10**	2	8	**21**	**68**	34	35	*	1
	1/26-30/2023 *(N=1,068)*	**15**	4	12	**21**	**63**	29	34	*	*
	10/06-10/2022 *(N=1,121)*	**15**	3	11	**24**	**60**	35	25	1	1
	7/15-19/2021 *(N= 1,308)*	**19**	3	15	**18**	**63**	33	30	1	*
	02/13-16/2020 *(N= 1,074)*	**23**	6	16	**22**	**55**	26	29	-	*
	11/30-12/4/2017 (N=1,444)	**16**	3	13	**18**	**64**	26	26	39	2

AP-NORC		**Very/ somewhat optimistic NET**	Very opti-mistic	Some-what optimistic	**Neither optimistic nor pessimistic**	**Very/ somewhat pessimistic NET**	Some-what pessimistic	Very pessi-mistic	DK	SKP / REF
The future of the Democratic Party	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	**20**	5	15	**34**	**44**	21	24	-	1
	05/01-05/2025 *(N=1,175)*	**17**	4	13	**33**	**49**	24	25	*	1
	07/25-29/2024 *(N=1,143)*	**31**	10	21	**24**	**45**	19	26	*	*
	11/30-12/4/2023 *(N=1,074)*	**26**	6	20	**28**	**45**	21	24	*	1
	1/26-30/2023 *(N=1,068)*	**28**	9	19	**29**	**42**	19	24	1	*
	10/06-10/2022 *(N=1,121)*	**27**	7	21	**33**	**39**	17	22	*	1
	7/15-19/2021 *(N= 1,308)*	**34**	10	23	**27**	**38**	16	21	1	*
The future of the Republican Party	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	**22**	7	15	**31**	**46**	17	29	*	1
	05/01-05/2025 *(N=1,175)*	**25**	10	16	**31**	**43**	17	26	*	1
	07/25-29/2024 *(N=1,143)*	**24**	9	16	**25**	**50**	18	32	*	*
	11/30-12/4/2023 *(N=1,074)*	**19**	6	13	**25**	**54**	20	33	1	1
	1/26-30/2023 *(N=1,068)*	**20**	5	16	**27**	**51**	20	31	1	*
	10/06-10/2022 *(N=1,121)*	**21**	6	15	**36**	**42**	18	23	*	1
	7/15-19/2021 *(N= 1,308)*	**24**	8	16	**28**	**46**	20	26	1	*

AP-NORC		**Very/ somewhat optimistic NET**	Very opti-mistic	Some-what optimistic	**Neither optimistic nor pessimistic**	**Very/ somewhat pessimistic NET**	Some-what pessimistic	Very pessi-mistic	DK	SKP / REF
The future of democracy in the U.S.	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	**24**	7	16	**28**	**47**	27	19	-	1

UPHEAVAL. How much change would you like to see in how the country is run?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
No/small change NET	**19**
No change	4
Small change	15
Substantial change/complete and total upheaval NET	**80**
Substantial change	47
Complete and total upheaval	33
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
N=	*1,119*

VOTE3. How much of a problem is each of the following in U.S. elections?

[GRID ITEMS A and B RANDOMIZED, then C, then D-H RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Major problem	Minor problem	Not a problem	DK	SKP/ REF
People who are eligible not being allowed to vote	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	42	32	25	*	1
	10/11-14/2024 *(N=1,072)*	43	32	25	-	1
	06/22-26/2023 *(N=1,220)*	40	36	22	1	1
	10/06-10/2022 *(N=1,121)*	37	33	29	*	1
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	48	31	21	*	*
	3/25-29/2021 (N=1,166)	46	33	20	*	1
	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	44	33	23	*	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N =1,074)	47	31	20	*	1
People voting who are not eligible	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	45	27	27	*	1
	10/11-14/2024 *(N=1,072)*	39	32	29	-	1
	06/22-26/2023 *(N=1,220)*	36	38	25	*	1
	10/06-10/2022 *(N=1,121)*	35	33	30	1	1
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	41	33	25	*	1
	3/25-29/2021 (N=1,166)	40	31	28	*	1
	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	31	38	30	*	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	42	33	25	*	1

AP-NORC		Major problem	Minor problem	Not a problem	DK	SKP/ REF
States drawing legislative and congressional districts that intentionally favor one political party	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	65	26	8	-	1
	10/11-14/2024 *(N=1,072)*[8]	56	32	10	*	1
	06/22-26/2023 *(N=1,220)*[8]	65	27	6	*	1
	10/06-10/2022 *(N=1,121)*[8]	61	27	8	1	2
	2/18-21/2022 (*N=1,289)*[8]	69	27	4	*	1
	3/25-29/2021 *(N=1,166)*[8]	67	26	5	1	1
States passing laws that make it more difficult to vote or register to vote	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	56	24	19	-	1
Foreign governments attempting to influence election outcomes	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	62	30	7	*	1
Valid absentee or mail ballots being rejected	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	55	33	11	*	1
The president attempting to influence election outcomes	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	59	21	18	-	2
AI-generated misinformation about elections and candidates	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	68	25	7	*	1

VOTEID. Do you favor, neither favor nor oppose, or oppose each of the following election-law policies?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC		**Strongly/ somewhat favor NET**	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	**Neither favor nor oppose**	**Strongly/ somewhat oppose NET**	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Allowing citizens to register and vote on the same day at polling places	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	**53**	33	19	**26**	**21**	11	10	-	1
	10/11-14/2024 (n=1,072)	**49**	32	17	**25**	**24**	12	12	-	1
Requiring all voters to provide proof of U.S. citizenship when they register to vote	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	**65**	47	18	**20**	**15**	7	8	-	*
	10/11-14/2024 (n=1,072**)**	**67**	52	15	**19**	**13**	5	8	-	1

[8] Question read: States drawing legislative districts that intentionally favor one political party.

AP-NORC		**Strongly/ somewhat favor NET**	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	**Neither favor nor oppose**	**Strongly/ somewhat oppose NET**	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Requiring all voters to provide valid photo identification at their voting place in order to vote	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	**67**	51	16	**20**	**13**	7	6	-	1
	10/11-14/2024 (N=1,072**)**	**71**	55	16	**17**	**11**	6	5	-	1
	9/15-18/2016 (N=1,022)	**79**	62	17	**9**	**11**	4	7	*	*
Automatically providing a mail-in ballot to all registered voters	10/8-12/2026 (N=1,119)	**45**	26	20	**24**	**30**	13	18	-	1

COURTFAIR. How confident are you that the United States Supreme Court will deal with any cases related to the upcoming midterm elections in a fair and nonpartisan manner?

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026	AP-NORC 10/11-14/2024[9]
Extremely/very confident	**16**	**23**
Extremely confident	5	8
Very confident	11	15
Somewhat confident	**34**	**32**
Not very/not at all confident	**48**	**45**
Not very confident	30	24
Not at all confident	19	21
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1
N=	*1,119*	*1,072*

[9] In 2024 question asked about the presidential election.

PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?
If Democrat:
PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?
If Republican:
PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican?
If independent, none of these, don't know, skipped, or refused:
PIDI. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?
Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Democrat NET	**40**
Strong Democrat	14
Not so strong Democrat	14
Lean Democrat	12
Independent/None – Don't lean	**22**
Republican NET	**38**
Lean Republican	9
Not so strong Republican	14
Strong Republican	15
UNKNOWN	1
N=	*1,119*

D3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, moderate, or conservative?
If liberal:
D4. Do you consider yourself very liberal or somewhat liberal?
If conservative:
IDEO. Do you consider yourself very conservative or somewhat conservative?
Combines D3, D4, D5:

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Liberal NET	**20**
Very liberal	11
Somewhat liberal	9
Moderate	**52**
Conservative NET	**26**
Somewhat conservative	14
Very conservative	12
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3
N=	*1,119*

MAGA. Do you consider yourself a supporter of the MAGA movement, or not?

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Yes	22
No	76
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
N=	*1,119*

DEMSOC. Do you consider yourself a supporter of democratic socialism, or not?

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Yes	22
No	76
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
N=	*1,119*

DM5. How would you describe the community you live in now?

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Urban	24
Suburban	51
Rural	25
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
N=	*1,119*

VOTEREG

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Registered	74
Not registered	17
Not sure	3
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
N=	*1,119*

VOTE 2024

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Voted for Kamala Harris	29
Voted for Donald Trump	30
Voted for someone else	1
Didn't vote	41
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
N=	*1,119*

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Protestant	23
Roman Catholic	18
Mormon	2
Orthodox	*
Jewish	1
Muslim	*
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist	7
Agnostic	5
Nothing in particular	17
Just Christian	22
Unitarian	1
Something else	1
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
N=	*1,119*

If Religion is Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox, Christian, or something else:
BORN. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Yes	36
No	64
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
N=	*752*

AGE

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
18-29	20
30-44	23
45-59	24
60+	32
N=	*1,119*

GENDER

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Male	48
Female	52
N=	*1,119*

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
White, non-Hispanic	58
Black or African American	11
Hispanic	19
Other	11
N=	*1,119*

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Married	45
Not married	55
N=	*1,119*

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Employed	61
Not employed	39
N=	*1,119*

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	26
Bachelor's degree	23
Post graduate study or professional degree	14
N=	*1,119*

CENSUS REGION

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Northeast NET	**17**
New England	5
Mid-Atlantic	13
Midwest NET	**20**
East North Central	14
West North Central	6
South NET	**39**
South Atlantic	21
East South Central	6
West South Central	12
West NET	**23**
Mountain	8
Pacific	16
N=	*1,119*

HOME OWNERSHIP

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	61
Rented for cash	36
Occupied without payment of cash rent	3
N=	*1,119*

INCOME

	AP-NORC 10/8-12/2026
Under $10,000	7
$10,000 to under $20,000	8
$20,000 to under $30,000	9
$30,000 to under $40,000	9
$40,000 to under $50,000	8
$50,000 to under $75,000	17
$75,000 to under $100,000	13
$100,000 to under $150,000	14
$150,000 or more	15
N=	*1,119*

Study Methodology

This survey was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and with funding from The Associated Press and NORC at the University of Chicago.

Data were collected using the AmeriSpeak Omnibus®, a monthly multi-client survey using NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. The survey was part of a larger study that included questions about other topics not included in this report. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face). The National Sample Frame provides coverage of approximately 97 percent of the U.S. household population. The U.S. Postal Service delivery-sequence file (DSF) and National Consumer Address File have been used in a subset of years as a supplemental sample during AmeriSpeak panel recruitment for low coverage states. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between October 8-12, 2026, with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,119 completed the survey—1,070 via the web and 49 by telephone. Panel members were invited by email or by phone from an NORC telephone interviewer. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive for completing the survey. The weighted household panel recruitment rate is 17.0 percent, the survey completion rate is 24.7 percent, for a weighted cumulative response rate of 4.2 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-3.9 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups. For example, the margin of sampling error is 5.8 percentage points for Democrats, 6.4 percentage points for Republicans and 9.0 percentage points for independents.

Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other survey.

Quality assurance checks were conducted to ensure data quality. In total, 105 interviews were removed for nonresponse to at least 50% of the questions asked of them, for completing the survey in less than one-third the median interview time for the full sample, or for straight-lining all grid questions asked of them. These interviews were excluded from the data file prior to weighting.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any noncoverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design.

Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, education, and the 2024 presidential vote. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2025 Current Population Survey and the final results for 2024 presidential vote turnout and vote choice. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

Complete questions and results are available at: apnorc.org.

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